



## Arlington Tree Committee

Date: Wednesday, May 8, 2019

Time: 7:30pm

Location: Jefferson Cutter House

### Minutes

*Attendees:* Mary Ellen Aronow, Eliza Burden, Steve Moore, Keith Schnebly, Phil Tedesco, Brian Turnbaugh, Mara Vatz. Susan Stamps and Ed Trembly were attending Town Meeting.

1. *Approve February, March and April Meeting Minutes.* Approved February minutes. Approved March minutes after correcting Steve Moore's attendance. We will wait until June to approve April minutes.
2. *Community Tree Canopy Program Spring 2019.* Mary Ellen reported that this is the third year of this program; all 30 trees were sold. 10 oaks to be delivered this Friday. The 20 redbuds will be delivered on May 22. John Ellis mapped out location of trees in the past three years and copies of this map was shared with the committee. MEA will forward to Eliza so she can post on FB. Mirak is our first business client. Discussion of increasing the number for next year. There is a waiting list. MEA does follow up calls to homeowners to remind them to water and to request photos of planting that they might share with ATC. Steve M will help with delivery on May 22.
3. *Publicity/Community Outreach*
  - Town Meeting: Article 32 (tree bylaw) passed. Susan delivered an ATC annual report and submitted it; Good Neighbor Agreement passed (Article 33) now includes trees. Susan and Ed attending Town Meeting tonight.
  - Should we keep track of trees planted as a result of Bylaw fees?
  - Steve and Mara volunteered to write a profile of Tim to submit to the Advocate.
  - Zoning amendment update. The ARB recommended NO ACTION on the Zoning Amendments this spring. Keith recommended that ATC be involved in discussions with the ARB in future amendments to ensure trees are being considered.
  - Big Tree program; visit to Sassafras Tree on Forest St (Eliza). MEA will add photo of the homeowner to our website.
  - Service project w/ New Covenant Sch; Keith and Mara made a visit to a classroom and later to Robbins Lib to see the Arl Tree Committee table presentation, where the students' poster was used. New Covenant made a poster for the Robbins Lib display.

The students want the poster for a May 30 event at the school. Mara to send a photo of the poster for posting on FB.

- Fox Library: "*What's Up in Arlington?*" An April presentation was given by Brian and Mary Ellen. 4-5 people attended. Good experience
- Working with Girl Scouts to coordinate watering efforts. Phil has looked into Cambridge's efforts to adopt-a-tree mapping effort. He will do some more research to see if Arlington can implement something like this with Adam K's help.
- Extracting email addresses in order to email watering reminders. We discussed whether we could add a statement on Web QA to authorize use of the email to receive watering reminders.
- FB and Google Groups activity. Working on promoting Arbor Day efforts and Community Canopy Programs
- Town Census survey results suggest we need to advertise bylaw and how to request a tree

#### 4. DPW Tree Dept/Tree Warden Update

- Eversource is in Town pruning trees to clear primary wires. They will be in Town for approximately 3-4 months.
- DPW most likely will finish the tree planting of 150 trees today. 100 per request and 50 in Tree Zone 2.
- There are no Tree Hearing requests at this time.
- Bylaw: 25 Ottawa Road, the developer has submitted a tree plan and 11 Melvin Road, the home owner has submitted a tree plan
- Arbor Day: Planted 4 trees at Hardy with 2nd grade class. Planted 2 Honey Locust and 2 Tupelo
- Summer watering: we may have summer help to water all trees planted last year. I will be watering this spring's planting
- EAB strategy: Still working on plan

#### 5. New Business

- Spy Pond shore restoration work. Trying to coordinate watering possibly with Girl Scouts
- Watering mass plantings (tennis courts, Scannel field, Thompson, spy pond, water tower, 6 trees along Bike Path behind Coldwell Banker and Not Your Average Joe's, two trees on Broadway near Cambridge line), others
- Keith attended the presentation of the BU student working in town with energy guy Ken Pruitt. Keith will follow up with John Ellis to see if there are visuals available from this presentation that can be shared with ATC.

**Adjourned:** 9:24pm

**Next meeting:** Wednesday, June 12.